MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the honourable member be pleased to illustrate at least one instance?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: May I Sir?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I have got here a file which has been chosen at random. The amount claimed on account of salary in the case of this particular school (Bethany Balikamadom E. H. S. for Girls, Nangiyrkulam) is Rs. 6870-27-8. Out of this a deduction of Rs. 1881-4-4-was made. The Management has allowed Rs. 120, 110, 80, 60 &c. to the graduate teachers without previous teaching experience and who have put in only a service of one or two years. Only reasonable rates, as admissible in Government schools, have been allowed and the balance disallowed.

Again in the case of this school the Manager has claimed a sum of Rs. 424-27-3 under "other items of expenditure" of which only Rs. 106-7-0 was admissible under the rules. Hence the balance was disallowed.

Alleppey-Quilon Road.

312 *MR. M L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether complaints have been received from the Chambers of Commerce at Alleppey about the bad condition of the Alleppey-Quilon road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is the member aware that the road is in an extremely bad condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir, I do not agree that the road is in an extremely bad condition: there are some portions of the road which are not as good as we would like them to be. The road is being maintained as well as possible with the maintenance grant available.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: When did the Chief Engineer travel along the road last?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: About six months ago.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Has he received any report about the condition of the road since then?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir; It is reported that miles 46, 49 and 52 to 54, require metalling; an estimate has seen prepared for that, and the work is awaiting funds.

Mampalathana Reservoir.

313 * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation has been conducted regarding the construction of a supplementary reservoir in Mampalathana, Aloor pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. The preliminary investigation has been conducted. As the scheme is found to be costly and as the storage that could be secured is very small, the question of the reservoir at the site has been recommended to be dropped.

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